

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear violation of the public interest.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, which actually means that it is broadcasting off my tax dollar. It is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Instead, it is using its power to force its political ideas on viewers. This is reprehensible and clearly anti-(small d)emocratic.

As most of you on the commission are Republicans, you may be celebrating Sinclair's actions. But imagine how you would feel if ABC, NBC, or CBS preempted its regular programming schedule during prime time on one of the nights before the election in order to show Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11." (And no, the current situation is NOT just like that documentary--people had to "vote" with their feet and their wallets to see Michael Moore's polemic--this anti-Kerry diatribe is being beamed into people own homes, gratis, wanted or not.

Please please show some backbone and do something about this outrage. If things are allowed to continue along this path, we are truly headed for fascism here in this country, in our time.